

**New Dundee Public School - School Council Meeting Notes  
February 27th 2023 - 7:00pm**

**Topic: New Dundee School Council**

**Attendance: Angie H, Kelly W, Jess D, Jonathan G, Tanya F, Michael F,**

**Welcome / Territory Acknowledgment:**

**As we gather virtually this evening would like to honor the existence of the 1st peoples by acknowledging that we are on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga peoples and New Dundee Public School occupies the land of the between the lakes treaty from 1792. As learners we continue to understand this place has significance to the 1st peoples because of the rolling hills, forests, flat land, along with the proximity to the Nith and Grand River that is fed by the Great Lakes. Settlers need to take responsibility to continue our education and honour of the first peoples. Let's work to honor the dish with one spoon covenant a peace agreement made between the indigenous nations before the settlers arrived. It characterizes our collective responsibility to each other and to Mother Earth. We should only take what we need and leave enough for future generations.**

**Financial Report update:**

**\$875**

**\$2,461**

**Principal's Report:**

**School Council for Mon. Feb 27**

**Principal's Report**

- 1. Carnaval--fun and interactive! Made possible by great teamwork. So many smiles and good fun as the students played games and participated in events. Thanks to M. Grundy and school council and staff!**
- 2. Art Club for primary students--now happening in Room 2 with Mrs. Upshaw and other educators. They are using "learn to draw" booklets and following along**

with the videos. It's awesome to see the participation here--sometimes 40 students spread throughout the room, enjoying the creativity and camaraderie. Once or twice a week.

3. **Library: Book Fair--so excited about the new books--each class received a set of books ,**

Bean bags are a hit, games, like Monopoly, to increase readership, 800 more books in circulation this year from Sept to now.

Reading circle every Tues and Thursday--students come to the library and students read aloud to each other (or Mrs. Shoe reads). Open to all--12-20 students.

4. **Dance-a-thon--Feb 14, also a hit--so great to see past students, now in grade 12-superb leadership and teamwork. Thanks again to our school council, selling fun stuff. The dancing was great, the music was well curated. A fun day.**
5. **Kodaly Choir continues Tuesdays and Thursdays! Mrs. Wilson is our choir director!**
6. **Strong Start, a program for teaching reading and spelling through games and 1:1 teaching**

8 students, 4 days a week for 10 weeks. Mrs Willig is the coordinator, Mrs. Shiry is the other volunteer teacher

7. **Spirit wear: Due date was Feb 6 (3 weeks for delivery) this week or next week. I ordered some extra shirts for students and new staff. No one reached out for assistance through our google form, but we did get feedback that the form was appreciated--that our attempt to support and include all families was noticed.**
8. **Black History/ Black Brilliance has been honoured this month. Mrs. Wilson inspired us to use the resources of Saidat, a local artist and teacher.**

Each morning, we play music from a Black artist that Mrs. Ferreira has researched and provided for us.

9. **Class trips**
  - a. **Farm trip with grade 3,4,5s in Sept (1 bus)**
  - b. **Pumpkin Patch with grade ½ classes in Oct 26 (1 bus)**
  - c. **To local theatre with grade 2,3,4,5,6 Nov 25 (2 buses)**

**Kindies still haven't used the funds**

**Year end trips: our board is really endorsing that all class trips have a learning value.**

**It's up to each teacher if they want to organize a year end trip, it's not required. No staff is planning one at this time but we may be able to talk about this at the staff meeting.**

We are always cognisant of cost. If the bus isn't paid for, the cost per student can be \$20 or more.

Would you consider a second round of financial support for buses?

10. Dundee Dragon--we haven't quite decided yet how this will look. We need some more staff discussion.

11. Staff updates:

Daniel Carr has accepted a position in the board near his home in Collingwood. There is a posting for the job out today. I'll be interviewing for it next week and will share the info as soon as possible.

Mrs. Eby, our morning DECE in Room 11, returned to our school Feb 6. She began half time (for 3 weeks). Mrs. Kneisel was in for the afternoons for Mrs. Eby. Mrs. Eby is now full time and we said our goodbyes to Mrs. Kneisel last week.

Mrs. McGill has been away for a few weeks and we hope she will be back soon.

Mrs. DeJong will be retiring, Ms. Carleton is continuing to the end of June. At this point, Mrs. DeJong has not asked for anything in the way of a get together or party.

### Upcoming Dates

Sun Mar 12--Daylight Saving time

Mon Mar 13--17--March Break

Tues Mar 28--Vision Screening for SKs

- Clean Monday - **February 27, 2023**
- Greek Heritage Month - **March 2023**
- Irish Heritage Month - **March 2023**
- Bangladeshi Heritage Month - **March 2023**
- 'Ala' 19-Day Fast - **March 2-20, 2023**
- [World Hearing Day](#) - **March 3, 2023**
- [World Wildlife Day](#) - **March 3, 2023**
- [World Day of Prayer](#) - **March 3, 2023**
- [Social Work Week](#) - **March 6-12, 2023**
- Magha Puja Day - **March 6, 2023**
- Purim - **March 6-7, 2023**
- [Holi](#) - **March 8, 2023**
- [International Women's Day](#) - **March 8, 2023**
- Hola Mohalla - **March 8-10, 2023**
- National COVID-19 Day of Observance - **March 11, 2023**

- Daylight savings time begins - **March 12, 2023**
- March Break - **March 13-17, 2023**
- [Pi Day](#) - **March 14, 2023**
- St. Patrick's Day - **March 17, 2023**
- First Day of Spring - **March 20, 2023**
- [International Day of Happiness](#) - **March 20, 2023**
- [French Language Day](#) - **March 20, 2023**
- Ostara Equinox - **March 20, 2023**
- Nowruz (Persian New Year) - **March 20, 2023**
- Naw-Ruz (New Year) - **March 20-21, 2023**
- [World Poetry Day](#) - **March 21, 2023**
- [World Down Syndrom Day](#) - **March 21, 2023**
- [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) - **March 21, 2023**

### **Agenda /Minutes:**

1. Sir Adam Beck Transition Plan - Ms Fay parent info? Grade 6 grade details. By bus go over to Beck to tour SAB, play games, What will the classes look like.

*(This is in the works with the grade 6 teacher, Ms Fay and Ms Brown)*

2. Discuss / Vote on budget for the rest of the year

*(Council unanimously voted to use funds on Clarence Indigenous guest speaker in June, Replace recess outdoor toys)*

3. Spirit wear update: Next week they should arrive.

*(Under 20 items ordered. Those who did were very happy)*

4. Dance-a-thon update: Great day!

5. Kodaly choir update: No updates on show.

*(Ms. Wilson will provided updates at next meeting)*

6. Year end school trips  
*(none to report. Ms Brown will ask staff if they are willing to share buses to max capacity to cover another trip. Or, School visits in class for year end instead of trips? Sara Restburk suggested)*
7. Dundee Dragon Run: stay tuned.  
*(Adding to next agenda)*
8. April Spring night: Eqao  
*(Ms Brown will discuss with staff and report back)*
9. Staff updates: Mr Carr switching school.
10. Staff appreciation meal June - Indigenous Elder and Author Clarene booked for June 16th.
11. More line painting (Ms Brown with investigate)
12. Carnival update: Everything went well! Thanks for everything Mr. Grundy.
13. Art Club: 40 students - happening with Ms. Upshaws leadership
14. Library: Bean bags and wobble stools going amazing. Ms. Shoe now offers games.
15. Strong Start has started back again
16. Black History Month - School going well
17. Bags 2 school and pick up  
(we can look at in September again)